

## MEMO

**Submitted by:** Judy Kelly

**Subject:** Executive Board Ratification to Apply For, and If Awarded,  
Enter into a Contract with the California Natural Resources Agency for the San  
Francisquito Watershed Urban Greening Action Plan

**Date:** May 4, 2010

### **Executive Summary**

On the April 30, 2010 deadline, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the San Francisco Estuary Partnership submitted a proposal package requesting funding for the San Francisquito Watershed Urban Greening Action Plan. With funding from the Strategic Growth Council, under Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, ABAG and partners will develop the San Francisquito Creek Urban Greening Action Plan. The plan will identify urban greening and watershed improvement opportunities within the San Francisquito Creek watershed corridor abutting San Mateo and Santa Clara counties ending at the City of East Palo Alto on San Francisco Bay. Through an extensive agency and community outreach program, the Plan will review, integrate and update previous planning efforts in the watershed focusing on green infrastructure solutions; identify opportunities and constraints for project implementation; and propose several potential projects that will serve as blueprints for change in the watershed. The plan will also provide the tools for the communities to identify funding sources, describe the planning and permitting processes, and illustrate design and plant palettes to be utilized. The plan will describe advantages of creek restoration from an environmental and societal perspective to show opportunities for greening within the creek corridors and throughout the watershed.

The total proposal amount was \$ 297,666 and included match and in-kind of several million dollars from San Francisquito JPA flood control projects, an SFEP Green Infill grant, and Bay Trail funds. ABAG will provide overall project management and coordination (\$ 50,500) and partners include Callendar Associates (facilitate meetings and be responsible for compiling and writing the plan; \$ 163,626); Committee for Green Foothills (developing a partner outreach list, convening meetings of interested partners, with attention to disadvantaged community members in East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park; \$ 20,340); and San Francisco Estuary Institute (provide scientific input and review of the San Francisquito Urban Greening Action Plan based on conservation biology and Low Impact Design, and facilitate synergies between existing community involvement efforts such as those conducted by the storm water management and clean water agencies, and CDPH on the contaminated seafood risk reduction efforts; \$ 63,200).

### **Recommended Action**

We request ratification of the application for this project, and, if awarded, approval to enter into a contract with the Strategic Growth Council of the California Natural Resources Agency in accordance with the resolution attached to this memo. We request approval to subcontract with the above named partners should ABAG be awarded a contract.

**ATTACHMENT: Draft Resolution**

Item 6.I.



**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS  
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-10**

**RESOLUTION ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD  
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN  
GREENING PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER,  
WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL  
PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)**

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

**WHEREAS**, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out development of the Urban Greening Plan.

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION NO. 07-10**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the San Francisquito Creek Watershed Urban Greening Plan;
2. Certifies that the Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application; and
3. Certifies that applicant will have sufficient funds to develop the plan; or will secure the resources to do so; and
4. Certifies that applicant will work towards the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1; and
5. Appoints the Executive Director, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for development of the aforementioned plan.

The foregoing adopted by the Executive Board this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

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Mark Green  
President

**Certification of Executive Board Approval**

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

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Henry L. Gardner  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Approved as To Legal Form**

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Kenneth K. Moy  
Legal Counsel